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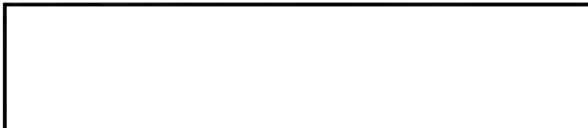
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Once more, thank you for your confidence. With every good wish to you and yours,

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA

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LTG Vernon A Walters
Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, VA

Dear General Walters,

The purpose of this letter is presumptuous, but I hope you will consider granting the small request I make. Marlene's grandfather, who is 87, and was a SGT in the Kaiser's Army, was mightily impressed by your integrity and the manner in which you handled yourself during the Ervin Subcommittee hearings. He paid you the highest compliment by saying you would have made "a good officer in the German Army".

My request is this: Would you be willing to sign a short note to him, along the lines of the one I have attached? He is a fine old man, very much a supporter of our Army, and I know it would give him a great deal of pleasure to hear from you. His 14 month stint as a prisoner in France in 1918-1919 has made him particularly attuned to the return of our PWs, and your performance combined with that of the PWs has gone a long way to restoring his faith in the American military, which was badly served by the press during the Vietnam War.

If you can see your way clear to send off the enclosed on your three star notepaper, Mr. Lemke, Marlene and I would all be very appreciative. Thank you.

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Bob Schuler

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Once more thank you for your confidence. I wish you many more years of peace and happiness.

Sincerely,

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Vernon A. Walters